

Thursday, March 4, 1999

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2237–S2351

Measures Introduced: Twenty-three bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 529–551, S. Res. 57–58, and S. Con. Res. 14–15.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 544, making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999. (S. Rept. No. 106–8)

S. 249, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Page S2273

Measures Passed:

Honoring Morris K. Udall: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 15, honoring Morris King Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death.

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Retirement of Barry J. Wolk: Senate agreed to S. Res. 58, relating to the retirement of Barry J. Wolk.

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Education Flexibility Partnership Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 280, to provide for education flexibility partnerships, taking action on the following amendments:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. 31), Jeffords Amendment No. 36 (to Amendment No. 35), to honor the Federal commitment to fund part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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Rejected:

Jeffords Amendment No. 38 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide that the Secretary of Education shall prescribe requirements on how States will provide

for public comments and notice. (By 54 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 32), Senate tabled the amendment.)

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Pending:

Jeffords Amendment No. 31, in the nature of a substitute.

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Bingaman Amendment No. 35 (to Amendment No. 31), to provide for a national school dropout prevention program.

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Lott Amendment No. 37 (to Amendment No. 35), to authorize additional appropriations to carry out part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on Jeffords Amendment No. 31 (listed above) and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, March 8, 1999, at 5 p.m.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for the further consideration of the bill on Friday, March 5, 1999.

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Messages From the House:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—32)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 5, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2350.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill (S. 544) making emergency supplemental appropriations and rescissions for recovery from natural disasters, and foreign assistance, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Transportation, after receiving testimony from Rodney E. Slater, Secretary of Transportation.

APPROPRIATIONS—NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Office of National Drug Control Policy, after receiving testimony from Barry R. McCaffrey, Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Veteran Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and Independent Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2000 for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, after receiving testimony from James L. Witt, Director, Mike Walker, Deputy Director, Gary Johnson, Chief Financial Officer, and Carrye Brown, Administrator, U.S. Fire Administrator, all of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of Defense focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the regional commands, and the future years defense program, after receiving testimony from Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, USMC, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command; and Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA, Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command/U.S. Forces Korea/Combined Forces Command Korea.

BUSINESS MEETING: FINANCIAL SERVICES MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Banking: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill to enhance competition in the financial services industry by providing a prudential framework for the affiliation of banks, securities firms, insurance companies, and other financial service providers.

CHILDREN INTERNET PROTECTION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on S. 97, to require the installation and use by schools and libraries of a technology for filtering or blocking material on the Internet on computers with Internet access to be eligible to receive or retain universal service assistance, after receiving testimony from Janie Harris, Solace House, Shawnee Mission, Kansas; Mary Anne Layden, University of Pennsylvania Department of Psychiatry, Philadelphia; Candace Morgan, Fort Vancouver Regional Library, Vancouver, Washington; Gordon Ross, Net Nanny Software International, Inc., Bellevue, Washington; Bruce Taylor, National Law Center for Children and Families, Fairfax, Virginia; Jay A. Sekulow, American Center for Law and Justice, Virginia Beach, Virginia; Elliot M. Minberg, People for the American Way Foundation, Washington, D.C.; and Adrian Russell-Falla, RuleSpace, Inc., Portland, Oregon.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 278, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain lands to the county of Rio Arriba, New Mexico;

S. 291, to convey certain real property within the Carlsbad Project in New Mexico to the Carlsbad Irrigation District;

S. 292, to preserve the cultural resources of the Route 66 corridor and to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance;

S. 293, to direct the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to convey certain lands in San Juan County, New Mexico, to San Juan College;

S. 243, to authorize the construction of the Perkins County Rural Water System and authorize financial assistance to the Perkins County Rural Water System, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, in the planning and construction of the water supply system;

S. 330, to promote the research, identification, assessment, exploration, and development of methane hydrate resources;

S. 334, to amend the Federal Power Act to remove the jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to license projects on fresh waters in the State of Hawaii;

S. 356, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District;

S. 361, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to John R. and Margaret J. Lowe of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land so as to correct an error in the patent issued to their predecessors in interest;

S. 366, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro as a National Historic Trail;

S. 382, to establish the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site in the State of South Dakota;

S. 422, to provide for Alaska state jurisdiction over small hydroelectric projects;

S. 426, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Huna Totem Corporation;

S. 430, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act, to provide for a land exchange between the Secretary of Agriculture and the Kake Tribal Corporation;

S. 449, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to transfer to the personal representative of the estate of Fred Steffens of Big Horn County, Wyoming, certain land comprising the Steffens family property;

H.R. 171, to authorize appropriations for the Coastal Heritage Trail Route in New Jersey; and

H.R. 193, to designate a portion of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers as a component of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

Also, Committee completed its review of those programs which fall within the committee's jurisdiction as contained in the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2000, and agreed on recommendations it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

NOMINATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Robert Wayne Gee, of Texas, to be the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Fossil Energy, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Gary S. Guzy, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Administrator (Office of General Counsel) of

the Environmental Protection Agency, and Anne Jeannette Udall, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Guzy was introduced by Senator Lautenberg and Dr. Udall was introduced by Representative Udall.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 331, bill to amend the Social Security Act to expand the availability of health care coverage for working individuals with disabilities, to establish a Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide such individuals with meaningful opportunities to work, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 494, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit transfers or discharges of residents of nursing facilities as a result of a voluntary withdrawal from participation in the Medicaid program.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2000 for the Department of State, after receiving testimony from Bonnie R. Cohen, Under Secretary for Management, and Jacquelyn Williams-Bridgers, Inspector General, both of the Department of State; and Benjamin F. Nelson, Director, International Relations and Trade Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following measures:

S. 380, to reauthorize the Congressional Award Act;

S. 92, to provide for biennial budget process and a biennial appropriations process and to enhance oversight and the performance of the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

An original bill to provide guidance for the designation of emergencies as a part of the budget process. (As approved by the committee, the bill incorporates the text of Title II of S. 93.); and

An original bill to prevent the shutdown of the Government at the beginning of a fiscal year if a new budget is not yet enacted. (As approved by the committee, the bill incorporates the text of Title IV of S. 93.)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 249, to provide funding for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NEW SAFE ACT

Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training concluded hearings on S. 385, to amend the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to further improve the safety and health of working environments, after receiving testimony from Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety

and Health; Roslyn C. Wade, Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Minneapolis; Harry C. Alford, Jr., National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc., and Margaret Seminario, Department of Occupational Safety and Health (AFL-CIO), both of Washington, D.C.; Robert J. Cornell, Mon Valley Petroleum, Inc., McKeesport, Pennsylvania, on behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers; Edwin J. Foulke, Jr., Jackson, Lewis, Schnitzler and Krupman, Greenville, South Carolina, on behalf of the United States Chamber of Commerce; Scott Hobbs, Hobbs, Inc., New Canaan, Connecticut, on behalf of the Associated General Contractors of America; Gayla McCluskey, American Industrial Hygiene Association, Radnor, Pennsylvania; and Curtis McGuire, Redlegs Lumper Service, Columbus, Ohio.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 51 public bills, H.R. 973–1023; 3 private bills, H.R. 1024–1026; and 4 resolutions, H.J. Res. 36, H. Con. Res. 41, and H. Res. 97–98, were introduced. **Pages H1011–13**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 819, to authorize Appropriations for the Federal Maritime Commission for fiscal years 2000 and 2001 (H. Rept. 106–42). **Page H1010**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Hefley to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H959**

Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act: The House passed H.R. 707, to amend the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act to authorize a program for predisaster mitigation, to streamline the administration of disaster relief, to control the Federal costs of disaster assistance by ye and nay vote of 415 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 33. **Pages H966–977**

Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute made in order by the rule. **Page H976**

Agreed To:

The Fowler amendment that allows a state, in lieu of repair, to receive a 90 percent contribution of the Federal repair estimate for alternative projects in areas with unstable soil; specifies that victims shall not be denied assistance solely on the basis of an application or receipt of other Federal financial assistance, including aid from the SBA; and requires public comment before adopting new or modified disas-

ter assistance policy and prohibits any policy that would retroactively reduce the amount of assistance provided to a State or local government; and **Page H975**

The Traficant amendment that requires the compliance with the Buy American Act and provides for the debarment of persons convicted of fraudulent use of "Made in America" labels. **Pages H975–76**

Earlier, agreed to H. Res. 91, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill by voice vote. **Pages H964–65**

Condolences on the Death of the Hon. Morris K. Udall: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 40, honoring Morris King Udall, former United States Representative from Arizona, and extending the condolences of the Congress on his death. **Pages H978–86**

Meeting Hour—March 8: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 8. **Page H986**

Meeting Hour—March 9: Agreed that when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 9, for morning-hour debate. **Page H986**

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday, March 10. **Page H986**

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Buyer wherein he resigned from the Committee on the Judiciary. Without objection, the resignation was accepted. **Pages H986–87**

Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and

Technology Development: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein he announced his appointment of Dr. Jill Shapiro, Ph.D. to the Commission on the Advancement of Women and Minorities in Science, Engineering, and Technology Development.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Condit wherein he requested a leave of absence from the Committee on Government Reform. Without objection, the resignation was accepted.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H1014–16.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One ye and nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H976–77. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, Resource Conservation, and Credit held a hearing to review the Loan Deficiency Payment Program. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, USDA; and a public witness.

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, held a hearing on Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Testimony was heard from Brooksley Born, Chair, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, held a hearing on The Federal Judiciary. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Judicial Conference of the United States: Judge John G. Heyburn II, U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky, Chairman, Committee on the Budget; Judge Lawrence L. Piersol, U.S. District Court, District of South Dakota, member, Committee on the Budget; Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, member, Executive Committee; and Judge Rya W. Zobel, United

States District Court, District of Massachusetts; Director, Federal Judicial Center.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on U.S. Pacific Command and U.S. Forces in Korea. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Adm. Dennis C. Blair, USN, Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Command; and Gen. John H. Tilelli, Jr., USA, Commander in Chief, Korea.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on Personnel Issues/Medical Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Rudy DeLeon, Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness); and Sue Bailey, M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on the Department of Energy. Testimony was heard from Bill Richardson, Secretary of Energy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from Members of Congress and public witnesses.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the Bureau of Land Management. Testimony was heard from Joel Williamson, Director, Civil Agencies Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management, Division, GAO; and the following officials of the Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior: Tom Fry, Director; Nina Rose Hatfield, Deputy Director; and Lawrence Benna, Budget Officer.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the National Eye Institute, and on the Director of NIH and Office of Director Panel. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Dennis P. Williams, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Budget; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Harold Varmus, M.D., Director, NIH; Carl Kupfer, M.D., Director; Jack McLaughlin, M.D., Deputy Director;

Judith Duff, Executive Officer; and Carol Lipson Fivozinsky, Budget Officer, all with the National Eye Institute.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, held a hearing on Air Force Construction. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ruby B. Demesme, Assistant Secretary (Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment); Maj. Gen. Eugene A. Lupia, USAF, Civil Engineer, Deputy Chief of Staff, Installations and Logistics, Headquarters, USAF; Brig. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, USAF, Director, Air National Guard; and Brig. Gen. Ralph S. Clem, Deputy to the Chief, Air Force Reserve.

TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, held a hearing on the National Railroad Passenger Corporation (Amtrak). Testimony was heard from George Warrington, President and CEO, National Railroad Passenger Corporation (AMTRAK); and the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Jolene M. Molitoris, Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration; and Kenneth M. Mead, Inspector General.

TREASURY-POSTAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government held a hearing on the National Archives. Testimony was heard from John Carlin, Archivist of the United States, National Archives and Records Administration.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on NSF. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NSF: Rita Colwell, Director; and Eamon Kelly, Chairman, National Science Board.

PILOT RETENTION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on pilot retention—issues and possible solutions. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Gebicke, Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO; Christopher Jehn, Assistant Director, National Security, CBO; and the following officials of the Department of Defense: Francis M. Rush, Jr., Acting Assistant Secretary

(Force Management Policy); Lt. Gen. David Ohle, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, Department of the Army; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USA, Chief of Naval Personnel, Department of the Navy; Lt. Gen. Donald L. Peterson, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Department of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Jack W. Klimp, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Manpower and Reserve Affairs, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, and pilots from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps.

BUDGET REQUEST—DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Procurement held a hearing on the Department of Energy fiscal year 2000 budget request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Bill Richardson, Secretary; Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Programs; James M. Owendoff, Acting Assistant Secretary, Environmental Management; and Rose E. Gottemoeller, Director, Office of Nonproliferation and National Security.

MILITARY TRAINING—CAPABILITIES AND SHORTCOMINGS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Military Readiness held a hearing on military training capabilities and shortfalls. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Gen. John M. Abrams, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command and Maj. Gen. Robert Flowers, USA, Commanding General, U.S. Army Engineer Center and Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, both with the Department of the Army; Vice Adm. John W. Craine, Jr., USN, Director, Naval Training and Chief of Naval Education and Training; Rear Adm. Toney M. Bucci, USN, Chief, Naval Air Training; Lt. Gen. John E. Rhodes, USMC, Commanding General, Combat Development Command and Brig. Gen. Thomas S. Jones, Director, Training and Education Division (MCCDC), Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, all with the Department of the Navy; Gen. Lloyd W. Newton, USAF, Commander, Air Education and Training Command and Maj. Gen. David F. MacGhee, Jr., USAF, Director, Operations, Air Combat Command, both with the Department of the Air Force.

FINANCIAL SERVICES ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Began markup of the Financial Services Act of 1999.

Will continue March 10.

ADMINISTRATION'S BUDGET—CBO ANALYSIS

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the CBO analysis of the Administration's fiscal year 2000 budget. Testimony was heard from Dan L. Crippen, Director, CBO.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS PROTECTION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Commerce: Ordered reported H.R. 540, Nursing Home Residents Protection Amendments of 1999.

SAVE OUR SATELLITES ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 851, Save Our Satellites Act of 1999.

DECENNIAL CENSUS IMPROVEMENT ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the Census approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 683, Decennial Census Improvement Act of 1999.

OVERSIGHT—U.S./MEXICO COUNTERNARCOTICS EFFORTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy, and Human Resources held a hearing on Oversight of U.S./Mexico Counternarcotics Efforts. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Constantine, Administrator, DEA, Department of Justice; Rand Beers, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs, Department of State; and Ben Nelson, Director, International Relations, Foreign Trade, National Security and International Affairs Division, GAO.

POSTAL MODERNIZATION ACT

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Postal Service held a hearing on H.R. 22, Postal Modernization Act of 1999. Testimony was heard from Donna E. Patterson, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE FUNDING

Committee on House Administration: Met and considered committee funding requests for the following Committees: Small Business; Resources; Judiciary; Agriculture; Ways and Means; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence; Armed Services; Education and the Workforce; Government Reform; Commerce; and Rules.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on International Relations: Ordered reported amended H.R. 825, United States-Macau Policy Act.

The Committee considered the following measures and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that they be considered on the Suspension Calendar: H.R. 973, Security Assistance Act of 1999; H. Res. 32, expressing support for, and calling for actions in support of, free, fair, and transparent elections in Indonesia; and H. Con. Res. 28, amended, expressing the sense of Congress that the United States should introduce and make all efforts necessary to pass a resolution criticizing the People's Republic of China for its human rights abuses in China and Tibet at the annual meeting of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights.

The Committee also approved the Committee's Budget Views and Estimates for fiscal year 2000 for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AUTHORIZATION: PUBLIC DIPLOMACY PROGRAMS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Foreign Relations Authorization for Fiscal Years 2000–2001: Public Diplomacy Programs. Testimony was heard from Representative Roemer; the following officials of the USIA: Penn Kemble, Acting Director; and Edward E. Kaufman, member, Broadcasting Board of Governors; and Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy.

OVERSIGHT—KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER RULES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing on the "The 'Know Your Customer' Rules: Privacy in the Hands of Federal Regulators". Testimony was heard from Representatives Barr of Georgia and Paul; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: John D. Hawke, Jr., Comptroller of the Currency; and Timothy R. Burniston, Managing Director, Compliance Policy and Specialty Examinations, Office of Thrift Supervision; Richard A. Small, Assistant Director, Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Christie A. Sciacca, Associate Director, Division of Supervision, FDIC; David Medine, Associate Director, Financial Practices Division, FTC; Jere W. Glover, Chief Counsel, Office of Advocacy, SBA; and public witnesses.

SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH ENCRYPTION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on H.R. 850, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act. Testimony was heard from William Reinsch, Under Secretary, Export Administration, Department of Commerce; Barbara McNamara, Deputy Director, NSA, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT; COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held an oversight hearing on issues arising from past designations of temporary protected status and fraud in prior amnesty programs. Testimony was heard from Paul Virtue, General Counsel, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

The Subcommittee also considered other pending business.

OVERSIGHT—U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE BUDGET REQUEST

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on fiscal year 2000 budget request of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Testimony was heard from Jamie Clark, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—FOREST SERVICE ROADS MORATORIUM

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held an oversight hearing on Forest Service Roads Moratorium. Testimony was heard from Representative Stupak; Ron Stewart, Deputy Chief, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—FAA R&D FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Technology held an oversight hearing on Soaring into the Future? Funding Requirements for FAA Research and Development. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Steven Zaidman, Associate Administrator, Research and Acquisitions, FAA; and Alexis M. Stefani, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Aviation; and public witnesses.

FIGHTING FOREIGN PROTECTIONISM—IMPORTANCE OF TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade continued hearings on the Importance of Trade Negotiations in Fighting Foreign Protectionism. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FISCAL YEAR 2000 BUDGET; DCI'S PERSPECTIVE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Fiscal Year 2000 Budget: The DCI's Perspective. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings**TAX CUT PROPOSALS**

Joint Economic Committee: Committee concluded hearings on issues relating to economic growth through tax cuts, focusing on the federal budget surplus, small businesses, income tax, capital gains tax, tax rates, tax system reform, retail sales tax, and the trade deficit, after receiving testimony from Mayor Stephen Goldsmith, Indianapolis, Indiana; Rebecca C. Matthias, Mothers Work, Inc., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; George Gilder, Gilder Technology Group, Inc., Tyringham, Massachusetts; Wendell Primus, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, John G. Wilkins, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and William G. Gale, Brookings Institution, all of Washington, D.C.; Wayne D. Angell, Bear Stearns, New York, New York; and James C. Miller III, Citizens for a Sound Economy, McLean, Virginia, former Director, Office of Management and Budget.

VETERANS PROGRAMS

Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs and the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from Roger W. Putnam, Non Commissioned Officers Association of the USA, Homer S. Townsend, Jr., Paralyzed Veterans of America, Michael B. Berman, Jewish War Veterans of the USA, and Elizabeth R. Carr, Blinded Veterans of America, all of Washington, D.C.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1999

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings on emerging threats to vital United States national security interests, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

Special Committee on the Year 2000 Technology Problem: to hold hearings on international Y2K computer problem issues, 9:30 a.m., SD-192.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold joint hearings on the employment-unemployment situation for February, 9:30 a.m., SD-562.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Friday, March 5

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

2 p.m., Monday, March 8

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 280, Education Flexibility Partnership Act.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: Pro Forma Session.

Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in this issue

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